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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO: 09/889,567

: ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH

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FOR: MEDIUM ON WHICH A STATUS INFORMATION PRINTING PROGRAM IS RECORDED, PRINTER, PRINTING CONTROLLER, STATUS INFORMATION PRINTING METHOD, AND STATUS INFORMATION PRINTING SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on its merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown in the marked-up copy attached to read as follows:

Page 1, after line 5, insert:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, line 6, change to read:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, line 6, change to read:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION